



Cincinnati Police Department

# STAFF NOTES

June 13, 2006

*Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr., Police Chief*



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**1. INFORMATION REGARDING SMITH & WESSON M&P PISTOL**

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes is information regarding the Smith & Wesson M&P pistol slide going into battery upon magazine insertion.

**2. STRATEGIES TO REDUCE FUEL COSTS**

Fleet Management Unit recommends the following strategies to assist with fuel costs reduction:

- 1) Reduce idling. Turn the car off when possible; idling gets "0" mpg.
- 2) Reduce miles driven.
  - Car Pool when appropriate
  - Combine multiple trips into one
- 3) Perform timely preventive maintenance, including proper tire inflation.
- 4) Reduce engine warm-up/cool-down (heat/air conditioning) time.
- 5) Open the windows instead of using air conditioning.
- 6) Fuel vehicles at the large city fuel sites when possible.
- 7) Change your personal driving habits; start slower, anticipate stops, let off the throttle to coast before applying the brakes.

**3. CENSUS BUREAU SURVEY**

Census Bureau representatives will be conducting a survey during the month of June. The field representatives conducting the interviews will carry official photo identification cards. Officers should be aware that these personnel will be in our neighborhoods.

**4. THANK YOU LETTERS**

[Attached](#) to these Staff Notes are several letters of appreciation and praise written to the Police Chief for the professionalism displayed by our Department and specifically the following officers:

Sergeant Mikle Brown  
Police Specialist Bill O'Brien  
Police Specialist John Horn  
Police Officer Tim Pappas  
Police Officer Chris Perry  
Police Officer Alisha Harley

Police Specialist Mike Drexelius  
Police Specialist Brian Trotta  
Police Officer Jeff Ray  
Police Officer Robert McGuire  
Police Officer Colin Vaughn

**COMMENDATIONS FOR THE WEEK OF 06/13/06-06/19/06**

**POLICE OFFICER CHARLES FINK  
POLICE OFFICER CHARLES NEELEY  
DISTRICT THREE**

On April 22, 2006, Police Officer Charles Fink and Police Officer Charles Neeley responded to a report of Domestic Violence involving shots fired. Upon arrival the officers conducted an initial investigation and arrested Mr. Chris Pope for Domestic Violence/Felonious Assault. After his arrest, Mr. Pope informed the officers his father, Mr. Chad Pope, threatened to shoot him and typically carries a gun.

Officers Fink and Neeley proceeded into the residence where they found Mr. Chad Pope loading a .25 caliber pistol. The officers drew their weapons and ordered Mr. Pope to put the weapon down. Mr. Pope refused to comply and pointed the weapon at his head demanding the officers leave his residence. Mr. Pope continued to yell at the officers stating they should shoot him. After a short standoff, Mr. Pope put his weapon down and was taken into custody. After his arrest he told the officers he had intended to shoot his son.

Officers Fink and Neeley are deserving of this commendation for their dedication to duty and ability to remain calm under extreme stress. Their actions resulted in the arrest of two violent individuals as well as the recovery of two firearms.



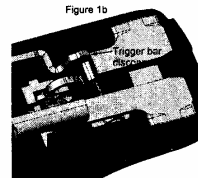
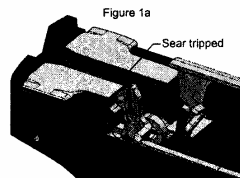
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TO: Firearms Staff – Cincinnati Police Department  
FROM: Kurt Hindle – Director, Technical Support – Law Enforcement  
SUBJECT: M&P Slide Going Into Battery  
DATE: June 2, 2006

I am writing in response to your inquiry concerning the M&P pistol slide going into battery upon magazine insertion during loading of the firearms. This memo serves to provide an explanation of the mechanical system, and how it will prevent an unexpected discharge of the sidearm.

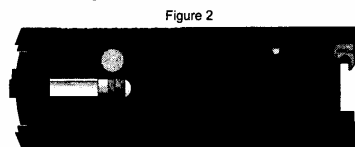
The following is the sequence of events during loading under the condition described:

1. Slide is held to rear with the slide stop;
2. If the trigger is held to the rear while the magazine is being inserted, the trigger bar and sear can exist, in relation to one another, in one of two possible positions. Trigger bar pulled to rear with sear tripped (Figure 1a), or trigger bar pulled to rear and the sear reset with the trigger bar in disconnect position



(Figure 1b).

3. If excessive force is used while inserting the magazine, the slide stop may release causing the slide to travel forward, stripping and chambering a round from the inserted magazine.
4. As the slide travels forward, the “sear disconnect” portion of the slide (Figure 2) pushes the trigger bar to the side, away from the sear, allowing the sear to reset and catch the striker leg.



5. To fire the gun, the trigger must be released forward to the point of reset, at which time the trigger movement to the rear will discharge the firearm.

# Golf Manor Police Department

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Colonel Stephen A. Tilley  
Chief of Police

Cincinnati Police Department  
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June 6, 2006

Dear Chief Streicher,

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Detective Jeff Ray, Detective Bill O'Brien, Detective Brian Tortta and Detective Mike Drexelius for helping apprehend two suspects involved in a theft from the Golf Manor Police Department. All of the men were extremely helpful and professional.

On Wednesday May 31, 2006 your Detectives played a large roll in organizing the operation with the United Parcel Service (UPS) to apprehend suspects that had ordered police equipment, charging it to account Golf Manor holds with Gaul's.

The Cincinnati Police have once again shown dedication to protecting the good for all and a willingness to assist other departments. Detective Ray has helped the Golf Manor Police on more than one occasion, and has always proven to be professional and knowledgeable.

If Golf Manor Police can ever be of assistance to the Cincinnati Police Department, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
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Chief of Police

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June 5, 2006

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in re: State of Ohio vs Jermaine Clardy B0510063  
Homicide Detectives John Horn and Colin Vaughn

Dear Chief Streicher:

The above defendant was convicted of Murder as a result of the dedicated work of the Cincinnati Police Homicide Division. Thanks to the Cincinnati Homicide division's tireless efforts, and in particular Detectives Horn and Vaughn, the defendant was apprehended after months of hiding and brought to justice for shooting and killing 26 year old Victor Smith for breaking his car window on 6-12-05.

Both detectives prior to trial worked hard to develop witnesses and evidence which would allow the jury to understand Clardy's guilt. Detective Horn testified at trial in a very clear, professional manner with an excellent grasp of the facts and nuances of the case. His manner spoke well of the Cincinnati Police Department.

Detective Vaughn assisted our presentation by remaining in the courtroom with us as our case representative. In that way we were always able to confer and handle immediately witness and evidence issues. While at counsel table during the trial, Detective Vaughn offered valuable suggestions, which we adopted in the presentation of the case.

Both detectives were working long hours with us, even when their schedules necessitated their return to work for late nights shifts. As a result of their hard work, Jermaine Clardy has received a sentence of 18 years to Life in the Ohio Department of Corrections. We commend them to you.

Sincerely,

*Anne S. Flanagan*  
Anne S. Flanagan  
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Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys

*David Hickenlooper*

May 30, 2006

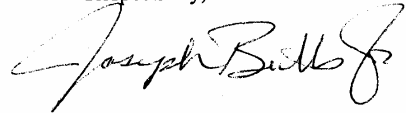
Dear Chief Streicher,

My name is Joseph Butts Jr. I am a graduating senior at The University of Cincinnati. My major is Criminal Justice. I have currently ridden with all five police districts of the Cincinnati Police Division. I have encountered stellar police officers along the way. I have also learned a lot of helpful information on proper procedure and protocol. These officers have gone beyond the call of duty of creating a positive and safe learning environment.

Off. Hill	District 1#
Off. A. Harley	District 2#
Off. R. McGuire	District 3#
Off. R. Logan	District 4#
Off. Mikle Brown	District 2#

I strongly believe that these officers are positive and vital assets not only to the Cincinnati Police Department but also to the surrounding community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Butts Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Joseph Butts Jr.

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June 1, 2006

Colonel Thomas H. Streicher, Jr  
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Dear Colonel Streicher:

On behalf of the Fort Thomas Police Department I wish to express our sincere thanks to two of your officers, Patrolman Chris Perry and Patrolman Tim Pappas. Patrolman Perry and Pappas were instrumental in locating a suspect in a sexual assault investigation that occurred in the City of Fort Thomas.

Both officers were willing to help us in any manner necessary. Their knowledge and experience was invaluable and saved us many hours of manpower. Please extend our gratitude to Patrolmen Perry and Pappas and your agency for the help and cooperation that was provided.

Sincerely,

*Michael G. Daly*

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Chief of Police